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National & States Affairs

1. On October 1, Narendra Modi inaugurated the 6th edition of the “India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2022” at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi and launched India’s 5G services in select cities. The 4-day event, IMC, was organised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI). The 5G services will be rolled out in a phased manner. The 13 cities where 5G networks will be launched in the first phase include Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Gandhinagar, Gurugram, Hyderabad, Jamnagar, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai and Pune. The PM also launched the 5G Non-Standalone (NSA) Core, indigenously designed and developed by C-DOT. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated 6th edition of “India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2022” at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- The event was organised by = DoT + COAI
- Narendra Modi – launched India’s 5G services in 13 cities under the 1st phase
- Narendra Modi – launched the 5G Non-Standalone (NSA) Core, indigenously designed & developed by – C-DOT
- [HQs of C-DoT – New Delhi](#) | [Executive Director – Rajkumar Upadhyay](#)

2. On October 2, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched the “Satya Nishtha” app, the first-of-its-kind application in the state to help investigation and control criminal activities. The app will help police prepare a database of criminals and also study the various offences that take place under different police stations in the district. The app was designed under the guidance of Kangra Superintendent of Police Kushal Sharma. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh – launched the “Satya Nishtha” app to aid police investigation
- [Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala](#) | [CM – Jai Ram Thakur](#) | [Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar](#)

3. On October 3, the Maharashtra government launched an awareness campaign urging people to use the Indian greeting ‘Vande Mataram’ while receiving phone calls instead of the English ‘hello’. The move comes a day after the State General Administration Department issued a Government Resolution (GR) making it mandatory for all employees working in government and government-funded institutions to use ‘Vande Mataram’ instead of ‘hello’ while receiving telephone or mobile phone calls from citizens or government officials. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – launched an awareness campaign urging people to use ‘Vande Mataram’ while receiving phone calls
- Ministry of General Administration (Maharashtra) – made it mandatory for all employees working in government institutions to use ‘Vande Mataram’ instead of ‘hello’ while receiving phone calls
- [Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde](#) | [Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari](#)

4. On October 1, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Thakur launched a month long nationwide campaign “Swachh Bharat 2022” from Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. This year, the Department of Youth Affairs has set a target of collecting and disposing of 1 Cr kg plastic waste through Swachh Bharat 2022. Swachh Bharat 2022 programme is organised in 6 Lakh villages of 744 districts across the country through the network of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) affiliated Youth Clubs & National Service Scheme (NSS) affiliated Institutions. This campaign will give mantra of “Swachh Kaal: Amrit Kaal” and make this program a People’s Movement through Jan Bhagidari. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anurag Thakur – launched a month long “Swachh Bharat 2022” campaign from Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
- Swachh Bharat 2022 programme is organised through – NYKS affiliated Youth Clubs & NSS affiliated Institutions
- Target set by Department of Youth Affairs: Collecting & disposing of 1 Cr kg plastic waste through Swachh Bharat 2022
- The campaign will give mantra of – “Swachh Kaal: Amrit Kaal”
- [Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports: Anurag Singh Thakur](#) | [Constituency – Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports: Nisith Pramanik](#)

5. On October 1, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has extended the “Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958” in parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland for another 6 months. On April 1, MHA had considerably reduced “disturbed areas” in the States of Assam, Manipur and Nagaland. AFSPA had been applicable in the whole of Nagaland since 1995. Tripura revoked the Act in 2015 and Meghalaya was under the AFSPA for 27 years, until it was revoked by the Ministry on April 1, 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MHA – extended the ‘AFSPA, 1958’ in parts of Arunachal Pradesh & Nagaland for another 6 months
- AFSPA had been applicable in the whole of Nagaland since – 1995
- The Act was revoked in Tripura in 2015 & in Meghalaya in 2018
- [Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah](#) | [Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik](#)

6. On October 3, the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, laid the foundation stone of 4 important Projects worth more than Rs 280 Crore of Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla at Gujarat. These Projects will enhance Port Infrastructure and boost its Logistics performance. The President acknowledged the achievement of Deendayal Port and appreciated that the Gujarat Ports handled about 40% cargo of the entire country. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), as part of its commitment for the development of Port Sector in India, has identified 74 projects worth Rs. 57,000 Crore under Sagarmala Programme in Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Droupadi Murmu – laid the foundation stone of 4 important Projects of Deendayal Port Authority worth Rs 280 Cr
- Deendayal Port – located in Kandla, Gujarat
- Gujarat Ports handled about 40% cargo of the entire country
- MoPSW has identified 74 projects worth Rs. 57,000 Cr under ‘Sagarmala Programme’ in Gujarat
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar](#) | [CM – Bhupendra Patel](#) | [Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat](#)

7. On October 1, a dispute had erupted between the Forest Survey of India and the Uttarakhand Forest Department after 6421 trees were cut in the Corbett Tiger Reserve for Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s dream project namely “Pakhro Kalagarh Tiger Safari Project”. The FSI has surveyed the area of Corbett Tiger Reserve following a complaint lodged by Wildlife conservationist Gaurav Kumar Bansal with the National Tiger Conservation Authority. In 2019, the Prime Minister trekked in the forest of Corbett Reserve in Uttarakhand with Bear Grylls and after the said visit, the construction of was announced by the Uttarakhand government as the prime minister's dream project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 6421 trees were cut in the Corbett Tiger Reserve for PM Modi's dream project, "Pakhro Kalagarh Tiger Safari Project"
- Corbett Tiger Reserve – located in Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

International Affairs

8. Minister of State for External Affairs, V. Muraleedharan, was on an official visit to Oman on October 3 & 4, 2022. During his meet, an agreement was signed between the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the Central Bank of Oman (CBO) for cooperation in digital finance and payments for the usage of RuPay and UPI. Oman is set to be the latest country in West Asia to start using India's RuPay card and UPI platform, which will benefit the huge Indian diaspora in the country. In west Asia, the RuPay card is used in the UAE, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia. RuPay is an Indian payment gateway like a Visa or Mastercard. It was first launched in Singapore in May 2018, followed by Bhutan and the Maldives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPCI + Central Bank of Oman = an MoU for cooperation in digital finance and payments for the usage of RuPay & UPI
- RuPay was first launched in Singapore in May 2018
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008
- Oman – Muscat – Rial | Sultan – Haitham bin Tariq Al Said



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Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

9. On October 3, ICICI Bank UK, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ICICI Bank, launched a new account namely "HomeVantage Current Account (HVCA)" designed for Indian students headed for higher education in Britain. The digital account opening facility helps the Indian students with smooth onboarding to the UK bank account while they are still in India. According to the latest UK Home Office data released in August, Indians have overtaken China as the largest nationality being issued visas to study in UK institutions. Nearly 1,18,000 Indian students received Student Visas for the year ending June 2022 an 89% increase from the previous year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank UK – launched a new account namely "HomeVantage Current Account (HVCA)" for Indian students in the UK
- Indians (nearly 1,18,000) – have overtaken China as the largest nationality being issued visas to study in UK institutions
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Mary Elizabeth Truss (Liz Truss) | New King – King Charles III

10. The RBI plans to introduce a framework for the resolution of Stressed Assets or NPAs (Non-Performing Assets), in addition to the Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC) route. At present, the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFESI) Act 2002 only provides for the securitisation of stressed assets by ARCs. The decision has been taken based on market feedback, stakeholder consultations and the recommendations of the Task Force on Development of Secondary Market for Corporate Loans. Moreover, the RBI also plans to shift to the 'Expected Loss approach' for loan loss provisioning by banks, from the existing 'Incurred Loss approach'. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- RBI – plans to introduce a framework for the resolution of NPAs, in addition to the ARC
- The recommendations were made by – Task Force on Development of Secondary Market for Corporate Loans
- RBI – also plans to shift to ‘Expected Loss approach’ from existing ‘Incurred Loss approach’
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established on – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

11. On October 3, Aditya Birla Health Insurance Company Limited (ABHICL) launched “ACTIV FIT”, a comprehensive health insurance plan for young and healthy adults. The new Activ Fit plan provides an upfront 10% good health discount basis an assessment done through a unique facial scan, upto 50% HealthReturnsTM on being active and 100% Binge Refill to ensure that health insurance becomes an attractive proposition for the cohort. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aditya Birla Health Insurance – launched “ACTIV FIT”, a health insurance plan for young & healthy adults
- HQs of ABHICL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Mayank Bathwal

12. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the State Bank of India (SBI) announced to adopt 30 remote villages across India under the 4th phase of the ‘SBI Gram Seva’ program, the flagship scheme of the SBI Foundation. The bank will adopt remote villages across six Aspirational Districts in Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal. As of now, the program, launched under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of the bank, has adopted 100 villages across 16 States in 3 phases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI announced to adopt 30 remote villages across 6 aspirational districts under the 4th phase of ‘SBI Gram Seva’ program
- As of now, ‘SBI Gram Seva’ program has adopted 100 villages across 16 States in 3 phases
- HQs of SBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Alok Kumar Choudhary | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

Defence Affairs

13. On October 2, Indian Navy Chief Admiral R. Hari Kumar visited New Zealand from September 29 to October 1, 2022, and met Rear Admiral David Proctor, Chief of Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN). Indian Navy signed an agreement on White Shipping Information Exchange with the Royal New Zealand Navy to promote greater transparency in the Maritime Domain. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. Hari Kumar – visited New Zealand & met Rear Admiral David Proctor, Chief of Royal New Zealand Navy
- Indian Navy + New Zealand Navy = an agreement on White Shipping Information Exchange to promote transparency
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD) | PM – Jacinda Ardern

14. On October 3, Indian Air Force (IAF) formally inducted the indigenously developed multi-role Light Combat Helicopter (LCH), Prachand, which is suitable for operating in high-altitude battlefields, and capable of destroying enemy air defence and engaging in counter-insurgency operations. The first batch of 10 LCH is being inducted into the IAF's unit at the Jodhpur Air Force Station. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh presided over the induction ceremony along with the new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan and Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal V. R. Chaudhari. The name, Prachand (fierce), was announced during the ceremony. The LCH is designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL). According to the IAF, the induction marks India becoming the 7th country to make attack helicopters. In March, the cabinet had approved the procurement of 15 LCH Limited Series Production (LSP) for Rs 3,887 Crore. According to HAL, there is a projected requirement of 160 LCHs, 65 for IAF and 95 for the Army. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAF formally inducted the indigenously developed multi-role LCH "Prachand" at the Jodhpur Air Force Station, Rajasthan
- Rajnath Singh (Defence Ministry) + Anil Chauhan (CDS) + V. R. Chaudhari (IAF Chief) = presided over the ceremony
- The LCH is designed and developed by – Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
- India – become the 7th country to make attack helicopters
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – C. B. Ananthkrishnan (addi. charge)

15. The Indian Air Force (IAF) retired the No. 51 'swordarms' MiG-21 fighter Squadron based in Srinagar. With this, the IAF is left with 3 MiG-21 Bison squadrons, which will be phased out in the next 3 years. The Squadron was raised in Chandigarh on February 01, 1985 under the command of Wing Commander V.K. Chawla and moved to Srinagar on May 01, 1986. The 51 Squadron is the same Squadron of which Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman was part of and saw action in February 2019, a day after the Balakot air strike. The 'swordarms' had earned the title 'Guardians of the Valley'. The 'swordarms' also participated in Operation Safed Sagar in the 1999 Kargil conflict. The Squadron was awarded the President's Standard on March 22, 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAF – retired the No. 51 'swordarms' MiG-21 fighter Squadron based in Srinagar
- The 'swordarms' had earned the title 'Guardians of the Valley' & was awarded the President's Standard in 2018
- The Squadron was raised in Chandigarh in 1985 under the command of Wing Commander V. K. Chawla
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

Sports & Games

16. On October 2, Red Bull's Sergio Perez won the Formula One (F1) "Singapore Grand Prix 2022". He defeated Ferrari's Charles Leclerc. Charles Leclerc's team mate Carlos Sainz was third. Singapore GP is also known as Formula 1 Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sergio Perez (Red Bull - Mexico) – won the F1 "Singapore Grand Prix 2022"
- 2nd – Charles Leclerc (Ferrari – Monaco) | 3rd – Carlos Sainz (Ferrari – Spain)
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob

Science & Technology

17. On October 4, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) confirmed that the “Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM)” craft has lost communication with ground station, and it’s non-recoverable. The MOM is also known as Mangalyaan mission. The ISRO gave an update about the MOM on the event of completion of its 8 years in the Martian orbit. However, it was designed for a life-span of 6 months as a technology demonstrator. MOM was launched on November 5, 2013 and was inserted to the Martian orbit on September 24, 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO’s “Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM)” or “Mangalyaan Mission” craft has lost communication with ground station
- MOM was launched on November 5, 2013 (completed 8 years) | It was designed for a life-span of 6 months
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969

Appointments & Resignations

18. On October 1, the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) has appointed eminent lawyer Lalit Bhasin as its 54th National President. Prior to this appointment, Bhasin was the executive Vice President of the chamber. The IACC, which was set up in October 1968, is headquartered in Mumbai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lalit Bhasin – appointed as the 54th National President of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)
- HQs of IACC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | National President – Lalit Bhasin

19. On October 1, Senior IPS officers Sujoy Lal Thaosen & Anish Dayal Singh were appointed as new Director Generals of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) & Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) respectively. The CRPF DG’s post fell vacant on September 30 after IPS officer Kuldip Singh retired. Thaosen is currently working as DG of the SSB and holding the additional charge of the ITBP. Anish Dayal Singh, a 1988-batch officer (Manipur cadre), is currently serving as a special director in the Intelligence Bureau. Thaosen’s scheduled retirement is in November, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sujoy Lal Thaosen (present DG of SSB) – appointed as 37th DG of CRPF (replacing - Kuldip Singh)
- Anish Dayal Singh – appointed as 32nd DG of ITBP (replacing - Sujoy Lal Thaosen)
- HQs of CRPF – New Delhi | DG – Sujoy Lal Thaosen | Formed on – July 27, 1939 | Motto – “Service & Loyalty”
- HQs of ITBP – New Delhi | DG – Anish Dayal Singh | Established on – October 24, 1962

20. On October 3, former brigadier in the Indian Army, B. D. Mishra, who has been serving as the Arunachal Pradesh Governor since 2017, is given the additional charge as the Governor of Meghalaya. He succeeded Satya Pal Malik who completed his term as the Meghalaya governor on October 3. The Governor of a State is appointed by the President for a term of 5 years and holds office during his pleasure. Only Indian citizens above 35 years of age are eligible for appointment to this office. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- B. D. Mishra – is given the additional charge as the Governor of Meghalaya (succeeding - Satya Pal Malik)
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – B. D. Mishra (addi. charge)
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B. D. Mishra





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Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

21. On October 3, Vivek Lall, an Indian origin Chief Executive Officer of General Atomics Global Corporation has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award by US President Joe Biden. He was awarded with citation of 'With Grateful Recognition' by the AmeriCorps and the Office of the President. Before joining General Atomics, Dr Lall worked at Lockheed Martin, and held key positions with Boeing and Reliance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vivek Lall (CEO of General Atomics Global Corp) – honoured with 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by the US President
- He was awarded with citation of 'With Grateful Recognition' by = AmeriCorps + US President

22. On October 3, Sweden's Svante Paabo is declared the winner of the "2022 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine" for his discoveries concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution. The prizes carry a cash award of 10 million Swedish kronor (nearly \$900,000) and will be handed out on 10 December. It is the first of this year's batch of prizes. Created in the will of Swedish dynamite inventor and wealthy businessman Alfred Nobel, the prize is given in 6 fields - Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature & Peace, since 1901, while the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences was added in 1968. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Svante Paabo (Sweden) – received the "2022 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine" for his discoveries concerning human evolution
- Nobel Prize is given in 6 fields: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace, Economic Sciences

23. On October 1, India celebrated 8 years of "Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)" and the first anniversary of "SBM-Urban 2.0" in grand style as President Droupadi Murmu felicitated the awardees of the cleanest States and cities at the "Azadi@75 Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022" ceremony in New Delhi. She also formally released the Swachh Survekshan 2022 dashboard. Indore has been adjudged the cleanest city in India for the sixth year in a row, while Madhya Pradesh is the cleanest state in India in the category of 'more than 100 Urban Local Bodies', followed by Chhattisgarh & Maharashtra. Surat is the second cleanest city and Navi Mumbai comes third in the category of cities with a population more than a lakh. In the population category of less than one lakh, Panchgani and Karad from Maharashtra bagged the first and third positions respectively, while Patan from Chhattisgarh bagged the second position. Tirupati received the best city award in Safai Mitra Suraksha category, while Haridwar in Uttarakhand received the award for the best Ganga town in more than one lakh population cities. Shivamogga in Karnataka received the fast mover city award. Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi had launched the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) on October 2, 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 8 years of "Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)" & first anniversary of "SBM-Urban 2.0" – marked in Oct 2022
- SBM was launched by PM Narendra Modi on October 2, 2014
- President Droupadi Murmu felicitated the awardees at "Azadi@75 Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022" in New Delhi
- Indore – adjudged the cleanest city in India for the sixth year in a row | 2nd – Surat, 3rd – Navi Mumbai
- MP – cleanest state in the category of 'more than 100 Urban Local Bodies' | 2nd – Chhattisgarh, 3rd – Maharashtra
- Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh) – received the best city award in 'Safai Mitra Suraksha' category
- Haridwar (Uttarakhand) – received the award for the best Ganga town in 'more than 1 lakh population cities' category
- Shivamogga (Karnataka) – received the Fast Mover City award

24. On October 2, President Droupadi Murmu presented the “Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG) 2022” awards during Swachh Bharat Diwas event in New Delhi, in the presence of Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh and MoS for Jal Shakti, Prahlad Singh Patel. Telangana won the first prize under the Large States category under Swachh Survekshan Gramin (SSG) 2022. Haryana was adjudged the second and Tamil Nadu the third. Among the smaller States and Union territories, Andaman and Nicobar secured the first position followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and Sikkim. While the top three districts of India are - Bhiwani (Haryana), Jagtial (Telangana), and Nizamabad (Telangana). The SSG Award ranks States and districts on the basis of their performance attained on key quantitative and qualitative Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (SBM-G) parameters and engagement of the rural community in the improvement of their sanitation status. Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin was launched in 2014 by PM Narendra Modi. In July, Burhanpur of Madhya Pradesh was honoured for being declared as Har Ghar Jal (water to every household) certified district under the SSG. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Droupadi Murmu – presented the “Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG) 2022” awards
- Winners under Swachh Survekshan Gramin (SSG):
 - Large States Category: 1st – Telangana | 2nd – Haryana | 3rd – Tamil Nadu
 - Small States & UTs: 1st – Andaman & Nicobar | 2nd – Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu | 3rd – Sikkim
 - Top 3 districts: 1st – Bhiwani (Haryana) | 2nd – Jagtial (Telangana) | 3rd – Nizamabad (Telangana)
- Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin was launched by PM Narendra Modi – in 2014

Schemes & Initiatives

25. In October 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel unveiled the ‘Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Parks’ (MGRIP) scheme under which ‘gauthans’ (cow shelters in villages) will be developed as ‘rural industrial parks’. In the first phase of the programme, 300 such facilities are being developed across the state for which a provision of Rs 600 Cr has been made in the budget of the current financial year. Under its ‘Suraji Gaon Yojna’ (village good governance scheme), the state government has set up gauthans in over 8,000 villages where cow dung, procured at Rs 2 per kilogram under ‘Godhan Nyay Yojna’, is being used to prepare vermicompost. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh – unveiled the ‘Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Parks’ (MGRIP) scheme
- ‘Gauthans’ (cow shelters in villages) – will be developed as ‘rural industrial parks’
- Chhattisgarh – has set up gauthans in over 8,000 villages under its ‘Suraji Gaon Yojna’
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

26. On October 1, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), a body under the Department of Telecommunications, officially launched Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) Scheme. The TTDF aims to fund R&D in rural-specific communication technology applications and form synergies among academia, start-ups, research institutes, and the industry to build and develop the telecom ecosystem. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- USOF – launched Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) Scheme
- USOF – Universal Service Obligation Fund (under Department of Telecommunications)

27. On October 2, Ministry of Education launched “YUVA 2.0 (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors)” scheme, an Author Mentorship programme to train young and budding authors (below 30 years of age) in order to promote reading, writing and book culture in India and represent India & Indian writings globally. YUVA 2.0 is a part of ‘India@75 Project’ (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) to bring to the fore the perspectives of the young generation of writers on the theme “Democracy (institutions, events, people, constitutional values - past, present, future)” in an innovative and creative manner. India tops the chart in youth population being 66% of the total. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Education – launched “YUVA 2.0 (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors)” scheme
- Theme – “Democracy”
- Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Education: Subhas Sarkar

Important Days & Dates

28. On October 1, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addressed “National Blood Donation Day 2022” event at AIIMS, New Delhi. More than 2.5 lakh people have voluntarily donated blood under the Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav. The day was first observed in 1975. Tripura is considered as the highest level of voluntary blood donor (93%) in India whereas Manipur is considered as lowest in the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 1 – National Blood Donation Day (since 1975)
- Highest level of voluntary blood donor in India – Tripura | Lowest – Manipur
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Manik Saha | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

29. Every year, from 2nd to 8th October, India celebrates “Wildlife Week” with an aim to protect the preserve country’s fauna. Wildlife Week 2022 marks the 68th Wildlife Week which was celebrated under the theme “Recovering Key Species for Ecosystem Restoration”. The first Wildlife Week was observed in 1957. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 2 to 8 – 68th Wildlife Week (since 1957)
- 2022’s Theme – “Recovering Key Species for Ecosystem Restoration”

30. Every year, on 2 October, the ‘International Day of Non-Violence’ is observed across the world. This special day marks the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the ‘Father of the Nation’. The main objective of this special day is to spread awareness about the idea of non-violence either through education or any other methods. On 15 June 2007, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed the resolution to commemorate the International Day of Non-Violence. The day was first observed in the year 2007. Initially, in January 2004, Iranian Noble Laureate Shirin Ebadi proposed the idea for the special day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 2 – International Day of Non-Violence (since 2007)
- Shirin Ebadi (Iranian Noble Laureate) – proposed the idea for this day

31. World Animal Day, also known as Animal Lovers Day, is observed every year on October 4 across the world. The day is aimed at promoting peaceful coexistence between animals and humans and making this world a safer place for animals. In 2022, the theme is “Shared Planet”. The World Animal Day was initiated by Heinrich Zimmermann to address the plight of animals and initiate work towards their protection. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 4 – World Animal Day or Animal Lovers Day
- 2022’s Theme – “Shared Planet”
- The day was initiated by – Heinrich Zimmermann (German Animal Protection Activist)

32. World Habitat Day is observed on the first Monday of October every year. In 2022, the day was observed on October 3 across the world. World Habitat Day was first observed in 1986 with its theme as “Shelter is my Right”, and hosted by Nairobi, Kenya. The day is recognised by the United Nations and observed to address the problems of rapid urbanisation and its impact on the environment and human poverty. In 2022, the theme of the day is “Mind the Gap. Leave No One Behind and No Place Behind”. Leave no one behind (LNOB) is the central, transformative promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 3 (1st Monday) – World Habitat Day (since 1986)
- 2022’s Theme – “Mind the Gap. Leave No One Behind and No Place Behind”

33. The ‘World Space Week’ is celebrated every year between October 4 and October 10 to commemorate the launch of ‘Sputnik-1’, earth’s first artificial satellite, on October 4, 1957 as well as to observe the signing of the historical treaty for ‘Peaceful use of Outer Space’, 10 years later on October 10, 1967. In the year 1999, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) announced the celebration of this week. World Space Week is considered the largest space event on the planet and commemorates the contributions and achievements of thousands of people in the fields of space science and technology. In 2022, the theme for World Space Week is “Space and Sustainability”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 4 to 10 – World Space Week – by UNGA (Since 1999)
- 2022’s Theme – “Space and Sustainability”
- The week commemorates the launch of ‘Sputnik-1’ & the signing of the historical treaty for ‘Peaceful use of Outer Space’
- HQs of UNGA – New York, US | President – Csaba Korosi (Hungary) | Member Countries – 193

34. “World Vegetarian Day” was celebrated on 1 October 2022. It is celebrated every year to promote a vegetarian diet and raise awareness about the health and humanitarian benefits of a vegetarian lifestyle. The beginning of October month also kickstarts the “Month of Vegetarian Food”. World vegetarian day was founded by the North American Vegetarian Society (NAVS) in 1977. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 1 – World Vegetarian Day
- The Day was founded by – North American Vegetarian Society (NAVS) in 1977
- October – Month of Vegetarian Food

35. “World Farm Animals Day” or “World Day for Farmed Animals (WDFA)” is celebrated annually on October 2. The day was established to commemorate the lives of animals used for food and to promote awareness of the plight of these animals. The day is observed each year on October 2nd, the anniversary of the founding of the Animal Welfare Institute. The day also commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji as he was an animal lover. It was launched in 1983 by Farm Animal Rights Movement (FARM), and is a non-violent protest against factory farms and slaughterhouses. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 2 – “World Farm Animals Day” or “World Day for Farmed Animals (WDFA)” (since 1983)

36. International Day for the Elderly is celebrated on October 1 every year. The day is celebrated to spread awareness about the importance of senior citizens in our society and to appreciate their contributions. In 2022, the theme of the day is “Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World”. [{Read more}](#)

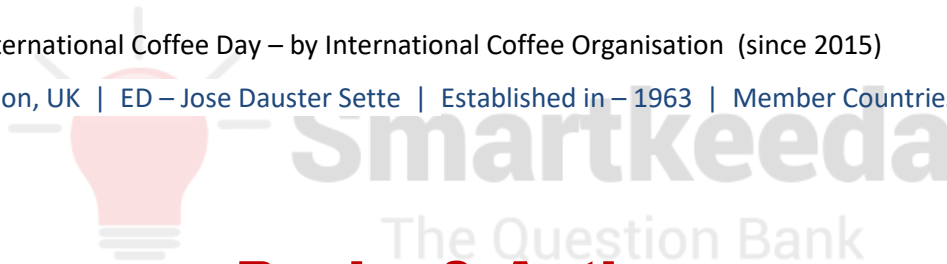
Key Points:

- October 1 – International Day for the Elderly
- 2022’s Theme – “Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World”

37. The 8th International Coffee Day was observed on October 1, 2022 around the world. The day is celebrated with the aim of raising awareness for coffee growers and promoting fair trade in coffee. It was decided in March 2014 by the Member States of the International Coffee Organisation (ICO) to celebrate this day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 1 – 8th International Coffee Day – by International Coffee Organisation (since 2015)
- HQs of ICO – London, UK | ED – Jose Dauster Sette | Established in – 1963 | Member Countries – 49



Books & Authors

38. Award-winning author-journalist P. Sainath will soon come out with a new book on India’s freedom struggle titled “The Last Heroes” after his immensely successful book “Everybody loves a Good Drought”, a researched study of poverty in the rural districts of India. The new book is scheduled for release on November 21, 2022 by Penguin Random House India (PRHI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Last Heroes” book – authored by P. Sainath | Publisher – Penguin Random House India
- “Everybody loves a Good Drought” – also authored by P. Sainath

Obituaries

39. On October 3, Tulsi R. Tanti, Founder and Chairman of wind energy major Suzlon Energy, passed away in Pune due to a cardiac arrest. He was 64. Tanti’s pioneering efforts in wind energy earned him the moniker ‘The Wind Man of India’. He was the Chairman of the Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA) and a member of the Board of Management of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) University. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tulsi R. Tanti – Founder & Chairman of Suzlon Energy and Chairman IWTMA – passed away
- He is known as – ‘The Wind Man of India’
- HQs of TERI – New Delhi | DG – Dr. Vibha Dhawan | Established in – 1974

Meetings, Conferences & Summits

40. Methane emissions is likely to increase by 13% by 2030 without the Global Methane Pledge, said John Kerry, the United States Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, during his speech at the “Global Methane, Climate and Clean Air Forum 2022” held in Washington, DC., US. The Global Methane Pledge, launched in 2021, aims to keep alive the 1.5 degrees Celsius goal. Over 100 countries have committed to reducing global methane emissions by at least 30% by 2030 from 2020 levels. This reduction could eliminate over 0.2°C warming by 2050. Currently, only 2% of global climate finance goes to methane. India, which is not a part of the Global Methane Pledge, is among the top five methane emitters globally, according to the International Energy Agency. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Methane, Climate and Clean Air Forum 2022” – held in Washington, DC., US
- John Kerry – the United States Special Presidential Envoy for Climate
- Global Methane Pledge (2021) – to reduce global methane emissions by at least 30% by 2030 (from 2020 levels)
- Currently, only 2% of global climate finance goes to methane | India is not a part of the Global Methane Pledge
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

41. On October 2, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, announced that India will host the second edition of the “United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC)” scheduled in Hyderabad from October 10-14, 2022. India’s geospatial economy is expected to cross Rs 63,100 Crore by 2025 at a growth rate of 12.8%. The Second UNWGIC 2022 will be convened by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – hosted the 2nd “United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC)” – in Hyderabad
- India’s geospatial economy is expected to cross Rs 63,100 Cr by 2025 at a growth rate of 12.8%
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

42. On October 3, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) released the report titled “Trade and Development Report 2022 - Development Prospects in a Fractured World”. The report projects that world economic growth will slow to 2.5% in 2022 and drop to 2.2% in 2023. The average growth rate for developing economies is projected to drop below 3%. The possibility of a global debt crisis is high, with 60% of low-income countries and 30% of emerging market economies in or near debt distress. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Trade and Development Report 2022 - Development Prospects in a Fractured World” – released by UNCTAD
- Report: World Economic Growth will slow to 2.5% in 2022 and drop to 2.2% in 2023 {*Dynamic Data*}
- HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary-General – Rebeca Grynspan

43. On October 3, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Dun & Bradstreet signed an MoU to create the “SIDBI - D&B Sustainability Perception Index” (SIDBI - D&B SPeX). The index will be presented as a quantitative measurement for policy makers and enablers to nudge businesses towards adopting an ESG framework in their business strategy over the coming years. The Survey will track the awareness/sentiment of MSMEs in manufacturing and services (including trading) across India. It will cover nearly 250 MSMEs every quarter from the D&B/SIDBI database of MSMEs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SIDBI + Dun & Bradstreet (US) = an MoU to create the “SIDBI - D&B Sustainability Perception Index” dedicated to MSMEs
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | MD & Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann | Established in – 1990

44. India’s unemployment rate drastically dropped to 6.43% in September, from 8.3% in August, due to an increase in labour participation in the rural and urban areas, according to data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). The unemployment rate in the rural areas fell to 5.84% in September from 7.68% in August, while in the urban areas it dropped to 7.7% against 9.57% in the previous month, according to the data. According to the CMIE data, the unemployment rate was the highest in Rajasthan at 23.8% in September, followed by Jammu & Kashmir at 23.2%, and Haryana at 22.9%. Unemployment was the lowest in Chhattisgarh at 0.1% in September, followed by Assam at 0.4% and Uttarakhand at 0.5%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to CMIE: India’s unemployment rate drastically dropped to 6.43% in September 2022 (from 8.3% in August)
- UR in Rural areas in Sep 2022 – 5.84% | UR in Urban areas in Sep 2022 – 7.7%
- Highest Unemployment Rate in Sep: Rajasthan (23.8%), J & K (23.2%), Haryana (22.9%)
- Lowest Unemployment Rate in Sep: Chhattisgarh (0.1%), Assam (0.4%), Uttarakhand (0.5%)

Amount & Agreements

45. On October 3, JSW Cement Ltd raised ₹400 Crore (\$50 million) as sustainability-linked loan from MUFG Bank India Ltd. The company would deploy the funds for capital expenditure with increasing focus on sustainability. It is also MUFG Bank India’s first transaction undertaken out of its new IFSC unit branch launched in August 2022 in the GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JSW Cement – raised ₹400 Cr (\$50 million) as sustainability-linked loan from MUFG Bank India Ltd
- HQs of JSW Cement – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Nirmal Kumar Jain | MD – Parth Jindal

46. On October 3, the NABARD sanctioned Rs 221.99 Crore to strengthen school infrastructure of rural schools in Punjab. It has sanctioned the money from the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for the construction of 2,328 additional classrooms, 762 labs, and 648 playgrounds in rural schools in all 23 districts. The projects aim to benefit a total of 3.80 lakh students. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – sanctioned Rs 221.99 Cr from its RIDF to strengthen school infrastructure of rural schools in Punjab
- [HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [Chairman – Govinda Rajulu Chintala](#) | [Founded in – 1982](#)

47. On October 3, Exim Bank extended a Line of Credit (LoC) of USD 100 million to the Maldives for financing development projects. Exim Bank's overall commitment to Maldives reaches 6 LoCs totalling USD 1.43 billion. With the signing of this LOC agreement, Exim Bank has now 311 lines of credit covering 67 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America Oceania. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Exim Bank – extended a Line of Credit (LoC) of USD 100 million to Maldives for financing development projects
- With this, Exim Bank's overall commitment to Maldives reaches 6 LoCs totalling USD 1.43 billion
- [HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [MD – Harsha Bangari](#) | [Founded in – 1982](#)

Acquisitions & Mergers

48. On October 3, Britannia and Associates (Dubai) Pvt Co Ltd (BADCO), a wholly-owned arm of Britannia Industries, acquired 51% stake in Kenya's Kenafric Biscuits Ltd (KBL) and took full control over Catalyst Britannia Brands Ltd. With this, KBL has become a step down subsidiary of Britannia Industries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BADCO (Britannia Industries) – acquired 51% stake in Kenafric Biscuits Ltd (Kenya)
- [HQs of Britannia Industries – Bengaluru, Karnataka](#) | [CEO – Rajneet Singh Kohli](#)

49. On October 3, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) increased its stake to 7.7% in the pharmaceutical firm, Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd, through purchase of 33.86 lakh shares from open market over a period of time. The LIC earlier held around 5.65% stake in the company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC increased its stake to 7.7% in Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd (from 5.65%)
- [HQs of LIC – Mumbai](#) | [Chairman – M. R. Kumar](#) | [Founded in – 1956](#) | [Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”](#)

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

50. On October 1, Airtel and Nokia partnered to launch India's first 5G-enabled immersive travel experience for visitors at the “Indian Mobile Congress (IMC) 2022”. Airtel and Nokia will bring to life the cultural splendour of Kashi Vishwanath temple and the Statue of Unity through holographic images. The almost life-like holograms will showcase the architecture and design of these iconic monuments and temples, replicating the physical experience. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Airtel + Nokia = partnered to launch India's first 5G-enabled immersive travel experience
- HQs of Bharti Airtel – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Gopal Vittal | Chairman – Sunil Bharti Mittal
- HQs of Nokia – Espoo, Finland | CEO – Pekka Lundmark





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